GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CONTESTING OF ELECTIONS BY INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES
VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the information that a large number of independent candidates fought Legislative Assembly elections and Parliamentary elections recently;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to check unnecessary expenditure on security of these candidates and other administrative arrangements and to remove difficulties of the voters; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) : Provision for security to independent and other candidates at elections depends on law and order situation. However, the Election Commission of India has not issued any instructions for providing personal security to the independent candidates.